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SUBJECT: STANDARD FRUIT AGREES TO ANY INVESTIGATION

STANDARD FRUIT REPRESENTATIVE LIC. FRANCISCO CHAMBERLAIN
TREJOS, AS REPORTED IN LA NACION OF MAY 22, HAS ADDRESSED
THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS FACIO,
AGREEING TO ANY INVESTIGATION WHATSOEVER OF THATHBA
ANA COMPANY:

"IN NEWSPAPERS OF MAY 20 THERE APPEARED STATEMENTS MADE BY
YOU IN WHICH YOU REQUEST THAT AN INVESTIGATION BE MADE TO
DETERMINE THE TRUTH OF INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES THAT THE
PRINCIPAL BANANA COMPANIES ESTABLISHED A FUND TO DESTABILIZE
THE GOVERNMENTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH PLACED A TAX ON THE
EXPORTATION OF BANANAS. THE STANDARD FRUIT COMPANY, THROUGH
ME, NOT ONLY DENIES HAVING PARTICIPATED IN A POSSIBLE FUND
FOR THAT PURPOSE, BUT WILL EXTEND ITSELF TO YOUR GOVERNMENT

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IN ORDER THAT IT CAN CARRY OUT THE INVESTIGATIONS IT CONSIDERS
NECESSARY. IT HAS BEEN MY COMPANY'S STANDARD PRACTICE TO

ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY AND REVERT TO LEGAL
OR JUDICIAL MEANS WHEN IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THERE EXISTED
ANY MAJOR DISCREPANCY WHICH THE LAWS ENCOMPASS.
FOR THAT REASON WE CONSIDER THAT AN INVESTIGATION, LIKE
THE ONE YOU REQUEST, WOULD BE WORTHWHILE IN THE CERTAINTY THAT
THE NAME OF STANDARD FRUIT WILL COME OUT CLEAN. TODMAN

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